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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Education Reform

Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 11, 2018 as printed.

Representative Noble moved to adopt the minutes of January 11, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 and House Bill 5428.

SB 544 (Colbeck) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings program; create.

SB 545 (Pavlov) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings program website; create, and designate eligible services.

SB 546 (Emmons) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings accounts; allow parents to open.

SB 547 (Colbeck) Individual income tax; other; Michigan education savings program act; designate as part 1.

SB 548 (Colbeck) Education; other; requirement for school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies to provide a list of services in order to determine services eligible for payment from education savings accounts; provide for.

SCR 25 (Colbeck) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to expand federal tax exemptions and contribution limits for state-sponsored education savings accounts and to allow federal education funding to be deposited into student-specific education savings accounts.

HB 5428 (Kelly) Individual income tax; deductions; contributions made to enhanced Michigan education savings accounts; provide for.

The Chair explained and offered a (H-1) substitute for Senate Bill 548.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate 548.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (15/15)

Nays: None. (0/15)

The substitute was adopted

Senator Colbeck explained the bill package with a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill package, and did not wish to speak:

Rachel Richards, Legislative Coordinator for Michigan League for Public Policy;

Mitch Albers, Assistant Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of School Boards;

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators; and

Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan.

Caroline Liethen, Legislative Liaison for the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bills 544 through 548, and House Bill 5428, but did not wish to speak.

Kathleen Merry, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs for Wayne RESA, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bills 544 through 548, but did not wish to speak.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Noble moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:46 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Tim Kelly, Chair
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee